

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
: Confirmation Number: 2347
Markus MULLER, et al. : Group Art Unit: 1637
: Examiner: Suryaprabha CHUNDURU
Application No.: 10/587,892 :
Filed: June 18, 2007 :
For: METHOD FOR CHROMATOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF A NUCLEIC ACID
MIXTURE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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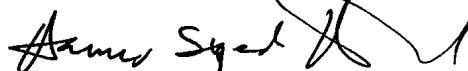
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, now due to expire June 17, 2008, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on September 17, 2008.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1050.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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